

## LIFE OF HINDOO WOMEN.

**MISERY AND NOT HAPPINESS AP-  
PEARS TO BE THEIR LOT.**

**Married at 9, They Are Subjected  
Daily to Horrible Brutality—  
Birth of Girl in Hindoostan  
Cause for Mourning.**

A native of India, who is at present in this country, in speaking of the condition of women in that country, says:

"When a girl is born in either a Hindu or Mohammedan family there is no joy, but if it is a boy you will find great shouting and gifts brought to the mother by all friends and relatives. The poorer and lower classes receive gifts from the father in this case. But the birth of girls is as unappreciated in India as in this country. When a girl reaches the age of two her ears are pierced every eighth of an inch, and

Three holes are put in her nose for the purpose of wearing the engagement and wedding rings.

"In every Hindoo and Mohammedan home the girls are tortured by this inhuman and deformed treatment, and to-day there are millions of poor, unhappy and innocent children suffering with this unnecessary pain. And yet, according to this Hindoo, the Hindoo girls are enjoying the highest happiness. When a girl reaches the age of 10 or 15 she is married to some young man, and she is expected to be a good

husband, always six or seven years older than she is, and many times to a man who is old enough to be her grandfather. In my own case my father tried to force me to marry a little girl of 9 when I was 19.

"Girls of this age, when they are but mere innocent children, are sent to keep house for their brutal and most inhuman husbands. This is the time when ever-

Hindoo or Mohammedan girl curses the day on which she was born, for her appreciation of the good things and of happiness is of the past. Her only joy is that of the grave and burning pyre of flames. What a sublime joy! Thirteen years is the average age for girls to bear children, and 13 is the average length of her life. Widows are considered by all Hindoos as women

of sin, and are cursed. To behold the face of one in the morning is considered an omen of bad luck. Widows never wear the jeweled earrings for which their ears and nose were pierced, and they are never allowed to attend any pleasure gathering. She is the slave of the family, not bought with money, but fallen into the hands of the family by her misfortunes.

heart. Read the lives of 'Kṛiṣṇa.' Call an-  
Mahadaya, their greatest and chief gods,  
and you will find that their lives were full  
of lust. Hundreds of times I have heard  
Hindoo say, 'What is a woman? She is  
only a shoe for my foot.' On the day of  
her marriage ceremony she has to wash  
the feet of her husband, and then to drink  
the water. Then she promises to worship

him as her god and lord. This is practiced among the highest class of Hindoos. Women of Hindoo and Mohammedan families do not know what happiness is. Ninety per cent of these women are punished, often twice a week, the same consisting of blows and kicks and often unbearable abuses.

"The Hindoo women are not safe in any part of India. If they are found alone they

are assaulted by the men and even by the so-called holy priests. Thousands of women receive this treatment daily, and they never tell their sad stories to anyone, but await what they believe will be their vengeance in the next world, when they become men and men women. What a plausible doctrine with which to soothe the burning hearts of the victims and to nourish

**BRANDY FARMERS.**  
Each One Has His Own Still and  
Is the Maker of His Own  
Spirit.

The branny farmers or Charente are a distinct class. Every one of them, even if he owns no more than a patch of six or seven acres, has his own still and manufactures his own spirit, says Chambers' Journal. Most of the stills which I saw were mere shanties of the most primitive type, like highland bothies or the rudd huts in which illicit "potheen" is used to be distilled. I dare say even now is, manufacture

in some wild parts of Ireland. The apparatus is of the simplest kind—just a boiler fitted with receiver and the "worm," or serpentine, a mere tube thrust into a big cylinder of cold water. There are usually two of these humble stills in operation and wood is generally used as fuel. When the farmer commences making his brandy he continues working his stills day and night until

The brady at this stage is perfectly colorless and contains the whole of the essential oil, which has subsequently to be removed by a drastic process of filtration. This, however, the farmer leaves to the merchant to whom he brings his brandy for sale.

another £80,000, a third £60,000 and a considerable number with £30,000 and £20,000 apiece—sums which figure out magnificently in francs. But to look at them you would never guess that they possess a many pence as they have pounds. For, however rich they may be, they still retain the dress and style of peasants. They make no attempt to ape the manners and

**A MOTHER'S CRIME.**

**Car Window Near Chattanooga, Tenn.**

A dead infant was found by the Cincinnati Southern railroad tracks at Avondale, three miles from Chattanooga. Circumstances indicated that the body had been thrown from the window of a passenger

A few hours later a sensation was spruwn by a telegram from Conductor Knight, who had charge of the train in question. Just after leaving the city, he said, while walking through the ladies' coach, he discovered a young woman very sick. The whole ca-

He learned that she was a member of the "1492" company, which had played in Chattanooga, and which was then en route to Atlanta. He had her removed to the company's special car in the rear, and after that he saw nothing more of her.

and he started out to investigate the case. He found that the young woman had left the train before reaching Atlanta, and no body was found who could or would give any information concerning her actions or whereabouts. Officers were at once started down the line of the road to intercept the actress if possible in her flight. All of the leading stations are being watched, and captured she will at once be brought back.

to Chattanooga. The name of the young woman accused is known, and a warrant charging murder in the first degree will be applied for as soon as she is in custody. She is said to have taken a leading part in the "142" company, and threw the infant away in the hope of hiding her disgrace.

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